

name four post offices. While I support the post office bills, I oppose the Republican's misdirected priorities. As a result, I chose to vote present on these post office bills.

On September 14th, either the ban will be extended and our communities will remain safe or the weapons used by terrorists around the world will be legal on America's streets.

President Bush and Republican leaders have a choice: allow Congress to vote an opportunity to extend the ban or do nothing and allow assault weapons to be used to terrorize police officers and our families.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO GUS' GANG

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to an impressive group of community leaders from Pueblo, Colorado. These men, driven by a desire to serve their community and promote economic development in the city of Pueblo, began meeting every week for lunch to discuss problems, and solutions, for issues facing their community. As a result, Gus' Gang has been meeting now for over thirty-five years and although the membership has changed over the years. Their service and loyalty to the community remains a constant.

Gus' Gang is a group of local businessmen, lawyers, bankers, realtors, and public officials that meet every Friday afternoon to encourage companies to consider Pueblo when establishing, expanding, or relocating their business. The group invites corporate executives to lunch and encourages them to locate their companies in Pueblo by welcoming and introducing them to leaders in the community. Many achievements in Pueblo have been born out of Gus' Gang meetings such as the creation of the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation, and the idea and approval to locate the Colorado Lottery Office in Pueblo.

The unusual but highly effective meeting venue, Gus', has been recognized in several publications and media outlets such as The Rocky Mountain News, The Denver Post, The National Geographic and Ripley's Believe It or Not, for its western atmosphere and good hometown spirits. Some of the founding members of Gus' Gang include: Tommy Thompson, Director of the Southeastern Water Conservancy District; Bob Ellis, the Vice President of First National Bank; Jade McGuire, the President of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce; and Walt Bassett, President and CEO of Bassett Construction.

Mr. Speaker, Gus' Gang is a staple of the Pueblo community, and their persistent efforts to attract businesses and corporations to Pueblo has helped strengthen their community and the Colorado economy. Gus' Gang is a terrific group of dedicated, innovative individuals. It is my privileged and honor to recognize their accomplishments and service before Congress and this Nation. I thank the members of Gus' Gang for all their hard work and commitment, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

#### IN MEMORY OF JESS OJEDA

##### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jess Ojeda, an extremely gifted police officer who dedicated much of his life to the Watsonville Community and the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement. Mr. Ojeda, who was born in Chihuahua, Mexico in 1912 and moved to Watsonville, California in 1922, passed away of natural causes on August 9th, 2004. He was 91. Mr. Ojeda's wife, Lillian Martha Ojeda, passed away in 1999. He is survived by three children, Kelley, Martha, and Shane, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The son of Jesus Antonio and Rosa Luisa Ojeda, Mr. Ojeda worked hard upon his arrival to America. Before becoming a police officer, his jobs included working in a butcher shop, starting up a courier business, deputy civil engineer, and tomato farming. After assisting in the construction of Fort Ord, one of the largest training bases in the U.S., Mr. Ojeda became a police officer with the Watsonville Police Department in 1949. He was known for his true concern for the people of Watsonville and the compassion with which he performed his job.

Mr. Ojeda worked for the Watsonville Police Department until 1957 when he earned a spot as an undercover agent with the state's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement in San Francisco. During his time as an undercover agent, Mr. Ojeda faced great danger in order to successfully arrest the criminals whose extensive drug operations he was determined to bring down. During his long career, he made over 5,000 arrests and had a 95 percent conviction rate.

Mr. Ojeda never lost sight of his true goal, which was to protect the people of his community who suffered at the hands of drug kingpins and dealers. His main objective was to reduce the number of addicts, not through punitive means, but through legislation focused on treatment, counseling, and support programs.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my condolences to the Ojeda family during these difficult times. His legacy as a devoted police officer and community leader will have a longlasting effect in both the Pajaro Valley and all of California. I join the Watsonville community, friends and family in honoring this truly admirable man for all his lifelong achievements.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LOS ANGELES CITY CHICANO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

##### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Los Angeles City Chicano Employees Association (LACECA) for its thirty-three years of service to the city of Los Angeles and its Latino employees. Since its inception on March 10, 1971, LACECA has been dedicated to the educational, economic, and social wel-

fare of hard working Americans in the workplace and the promotional advancement of Latinos serving our nation's second largest city.

LACECA provides critical leadership and a progressive vision that has successfully fought for passage of the City's Bilingual Skills Ordinance, formation of the City's Advisory Affirmative Action Committee (AAAC), and employee payroll deductions for LACECA membership. LACECA understands the importance of community development and outreach and devotes significant time, energy, and resources in support of many local activities, such as the City's Latino Heritage Month, voter education and registration drives, scholarships to Latinos seeking higher education, and an annual donation drive to support organizations which seek to improve the status of Latinos.

As LACECA celebrates its thirty-third year of service, I am proud to recognize its executive board and members who have distinguished themselves as exceptional leaders in the Los Angeles community. I look forward to continuing to work with LACECA as it promotes the advancement of Latinos serving the city of Los Angeles.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO PALMER FRANKLIN SMITH

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to mourn the passing of Palmer Smith of Alamosa, Colorado. Palmer recently died unexpectedly of a suspected pulmonary embolism. He was a lifelong learner and dedicated activist in his community who shared his knowledge with countless students. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize his life and accomplishments.

Palmer was born in 1932 in Los Angeles, California. He attended the California Institute of Technology where he studied chemistry under five Nobel Prize winners before enlisting in the Air Force. At Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, he taught the top secret 1009th Special Weapons Project. In 1956, Palmer continued his education at the University of Colorado at Boulder in a mathematics masters degree program, despite his lack of a bachelor's degree. Palmer also taught in the applied mathematics program at CU for five years as he worked on a doctorate before he went on to teach at Nichols State College.

In 1962, Palmer returned to Colorado to teach and chair the mathematics department at Adams State College where he received emeritus status after retiring in 1987. After teaching, Palmer became involved in buying and selling real estate, and ran for Alamosa County treasurer. He continued to take courses in law, taxes, and bonds and investments from the local college. Palmer was a renaissance man with a wide variety of interests that ranged from archaeology and history to stamp collecting. He was a concert pianist, an avid reader, and a writer.

Palmer is survived by his wife, Erin Macgillivray Smith, his daughter, Laura Suzanne Smith, his son, Brian Smith, his granddaughter Sara Powell and two great grandchildren, Zachary and Allison Powell.

Mr. Speaker, Palmer Franklin Smith was a dedicated student and educator that made learning a passion in his life. He was a committed patron of the arts and active member of his Alamosa community. I am honored to recognize the life of such a devoted community servant before this body of Congress and this nation. My thoughts and prayers go out to Palmer's family and friends during this time of bereavement.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the first ever "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day." This day, made official by Senate Resolution 370, will serve as an important tool in furthering the national education campaign about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, also known as AD/HD.

Although AD/HD can affect people across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, poor and minority communities have been especially underserved by the available resources. The disorder can interfere with school and workplace activities, lead to antisocial behavior, and even substance abuse and problems with the justice system. It is only recently that AD/HD has received national attention, so there are still many children and adults who remain undiagnosed and suffering from the stigma associated with this disorder.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), a national non-profit organization, was founded in 1987 to increase awareness and offer resources and encouragement to those suffering from the disorder and their family members. Recently CHADD has expanded into Santa Cruz County with the creation of Chapter #605, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to our community. Only through education and understanding can we, as a nation, begin to address the effects of this disorder and seek ways to treat it.

It is important to realize the effect AD/HD can have on individuals and communities, and I would like to commend the efforts of CHADD Chapter #605 in their goal of expanding understanding of this disorder. Through combining grassroots campaigns with the new "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day" we can begin to address this problem on both a local and national level.

DUDLEY DEZONIA—30TH ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENT OF ROYAL TRUCK BODY

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, let us celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit in America by recognizing a deserving and generous member of the community—Mr.

Dudley DeZonia, who has successfully been at the helm for 30 years as President of Royal Truck Body.

Businesses like Royal Truck Body are the backbone of this country and they are an enduring symbol of the American Dream. The approximately 23 million businesses of the size and scale of companies like ROYAL in the United States employ more than half of the country's private work force, create three of every four new jobs, and generate most of America's innovations.

For example, 30 years ago in my district, Mr. DeZonia had a dream to lead a truck body business in the City of Paramount, California. His long-term vision for Royal Truck Body was and still is to deliver top-quality products at competitive prices, which has enabled the "ROYAL" trademark to become the recognized leader and largest service body company in the Western United States.

Royal Truck Body has a 5,000-square-foot design studio and 145,000 square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space. ROYAL pushes this space even further with an additional 40,000 sq. ft. at its satellite locations in Phoenix, Arizona; Dallas, Texas; and Sacramento, California.

Royal Truck Body has had a continuing pattern of growth since its inception, and its growth recently has been at an ever-accelerating pace. In 1995, ROYAL became a bailment pool company for Chevrolet; in 1997, it became a converter pool company for both Ford and GMC; and in 2000, it added Dodge. ROYAL has also been a member of the National Truck Equipment Association since 1978.

Royal Truck Body has grown from producing four truck bodies per day to more than 35 bodies per day. ROYAL earned its ISO 9001 certification in 1999, which made it the first body manufacturer in the United States to achieve this goal. From 2001 to 2003, ROYAL was awarded General Motors Specialty Vehicle Sales Leader Award in the United States. Also, in 2002, Ford presented ROYAL with the Top Volume Pool Account Award and the Ford's Directors Award for top volume of F-Series chassis cabs.

Mr. DeZonia is a business success story, and he continues to make many contributions to the local community. He consistently donates to the local Paramount Education Partnership and to seniors at Paramount High School for college scholarships. ROYAL prides itself in its employees' successes because its employees are its family.

Today, let us honor Mr. Dudley DeZonia. By celebrating Mr. Dudley DeZonia's successes, we celebrate American enterprise. Mr. DeZonia is keeping the American Dream alive and well for future generations.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KENDALL EVANS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize the dedication of Kendall Evans of Aspen, Colorado for his hard work and dedication in educating our youth. After

serving nine years as the principal for Aspen High School, Kendall announced his retirement after the completion of the 2004–2005 academic year. As Kendall prepares for retirement, let it be known that I, along with the Aspen community am grateful for the commitment he has shown to educating our next generation of leaders.

Kendall started his career in education as a high school teacher thirty-one years ago. After spending much of his career positively influencing students in the classroom, he had the opportunity to have a different impact working in administration. Nine years ago, Kendall accepted the job as the principal at Aspen High School. During his tenure as principal, Kendall has led the charge to improve the quality of and access to education in the area. Following his lead, the school added accelerated classes as part of the International Baccalaureate program. His most significant achievement was to complete the forty-one million dollar renovation and expansion of the high school.

Mr. Speaker, Kendall Evans has done a remarkable job during his career at Aspen High School. As principal, he has provided tremendous leadership for the faculty, and as a teacher, he has provided insight for his students. I thank him for his commitment to education, and wish him all the best in his last year at Aspen High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 422 and 423. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "Aye" for both measures to name The General William Cary Lee Post Office Building, and to name The Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building, respectively.

I ask unanimous consent that my vote statement appear in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD behind the day's recorded votes.

HONORING JUDGE JIMMY MATTHEWS

**HON. LINCOLN DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, as Congress debates issues of vital importance to our Nation's education and defense, I would like to take a few minutes to say thank you to a well respected individual in the 4th District of Tennessee.

After spending over thirty plus years on the bench, as a General Sessions Part I Judge, Judge Jimmy Matthews decided to retire due to deteriorating health. Judge Matthews, a lifelong resident of Maury County, Tennessee, will be sorely missed for his wisdom, courage, and determination to effectively serve the law and all it protects.

Matthews was Maury County's first lay judge and will be its last (a lay judge does not